

Virginia M. Williams, 85

Ginny Williams, 85, of Duxbury, passed away on Oct. 21 at her home in Duxbury, after a brief illness. Born on Jan. 7, 1931, she was the wife of the late James Williams, and sister of the late Theresa Crowley of Milton, the late Catherine Gunn of Hanover and the late Edward and William Byrne of Milton.

She was the beloved mother of Maureen Staiano and Karen Williams of Duxbury and Stephanie Oldrid and her husband Rick of Sagamore Beach; and of Jay Williams and his wife Dawn of Plympton; Kevin Williams and his wife Elizabeth of Pembroke; and Mark Williams and his wife Kairyn of Abington. Ginny's life was devoted to raising her family.

She loved and took special pride in her many grandchildren: Kristin Fletcher, Eric Uhlendorf, Matthew, Kathleen, Ally and Will Homsy, Michaela and Peter Avitabile, Kianna, Patricia, Samantha and George Carpenter and Shannon, Jay, Stephen, Sarah, Luke, Poppy and Charlie Williams, as well as in her great-grandchildren Jaedyn Williams and Blake Fletcher.

A faithful servant of God, Ginny was truly generous with her time, talent and treasures. She was a devoted member of the Holy Family Church in Duxbury, serving her parish as a member of the Parish Pastoral Council, Women's Club, St. Vincent De Paul Society and as a Eucharistic minister. Ginny found a special grace in visiting and bringing the Eucharist to the homebound, as well as to those infirmed at Bay Path Nursing Home, where she volunteered weekly for over 30 years. In November 2012, she was awarded the Archdiocese of Boston Cheverus medal, given annually to lay parishioners who have served their parish over an extended period of time in a quiet, unassuming and unrecognized fashion.

Ginny loved reading, listening to music, classic movies, the Hallmark Channel, Fighting Irish Football and cooking with butter...and lots of it. Most of all, whether it was attending her annual Milton High School reunion, counting the money on Mondays at the church or hosting holidays and special family occasions at her home, she loved to spend time with family and friends. She never missed a birthday; complete with a perfect card filled with her signature hugs and kisses.

Ginny was selfless to a fault. She delighted in other people's stories and successes and was always there to provide support and encouragement in their time of need. Though reluctant to ever share it with a camera, her smile told you how much she genuinely cared and that she'd always be there for you.

Those wishing to make a donation in her memory are encouraged to volunteer some of their time this holiday season to My Brother's Keeper, P.O. Box 338, Easton, MA 02356. 508- 238-7512; mybrotherskeeper.org.